

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

5    1. A post support for supporting a post above the ground comprising:

a shaft having at least one helical blade thereon;

a post-receiving box on one end of said shaft;

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said post-receiving box having a floor and four side walls oriented substantially perpendicular to said floor;

15                         opposed first and second ones of said walls extending from said floor;

opposed third and fourth ones of said walls extending generally between said first and second walls; and,

20                         said third and fourth walls having bottom edges that are spaced from said floor to define opposed rectangular slots in said box.

25    2. The post support of claim 1 wherein a bottom side of said slots is defined by said floor.

30    3. The post support of claim 1 or 2 wherein each of said slots is dimensioned to accommodate a standard sized cut of lumber.

4. The post support claim 1 or 2 wherein the first and second walls are spaced from one another a distance substantially equal to one dimension of a standard size of dimensioned lumber.

5. The post support of claim 1 further comprising at least one pair of opposed, parallel and spaced flanges extending outwardly from said first and third walls, said flanges being adapted to be drawn toward one another.

5 6. A post support for supporting a post above the ground comprising:

a shaft having at least one helical blade thereon;

a post-receiving box on one end of said shaft;

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said post-receiving box having a floor and four side walls oriented substantially perpendicular to said floor;

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opposed first and second ones of said walls extending from said floor;

opposed third and fourth ones of said walls extending generally between said first and second walls;

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said third and fourth walls having bottom edges that are spaced from said floor to define opposed rectangular slots in said box, each of said slots being dimensioned to accommodate a standard sized cut of lumber; and

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at least one pair opposed, parallel and spaced flanges extending outwardly from said first and third walls, said flanges being adapted to be drawn toward one another.